

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Booney Shelton of Flag Pond.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Booney Shelton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Flag Pond, Booney Shelton was a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community, and he was taught the value of service to others by his late parents, Roscoe C. and Emily Cutshall Shelton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton heroically and honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received during combat; and

WHEREAS, after the war he moved to Newport News, Virginia, and worked for NASA at Langley Field Air Force Base as an electrical foreman; and

WHEREAS, he later served with acumen and alacrity for eighteen years as an electrician for Home Brothers Shipbuilders, in which position he was admired and respected by his peers and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work until his retirement in 1981; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement, Mr. Shelton returned to Flag Pond and was a highly respected member of his community who always worked to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton was a member of several civic and community organizations, including the Flag Pond Ruritan Club and the Unicoi County Republican Party; among his many and varied interests, he was passionate about politics and bluegrass music; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Sweetwater Church of God; and

WHEREAS, Booney Shelton was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Teresa Shelton Metcalf and husband, Raye Metcalf, and Larry E. Shelton and wife, Anna Shelton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton will be fondly remembered by his brothers and sister-in-law, Garland "Mick" Shelton and wife, Lou Shelton, and Warren "Ward" Shelton; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will be remembered by his grandchildren, Noah Raye Shelton Metcalf and Stuart Neely Shelton; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his god-daughter, Cheryl Shelton Knoop, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by sisters Darden Brown, Dorothy "Dot" Rice, Pamela "Pansey" Deel, and Thelma Fender; and by brothers Doyle G. Shelton, Lewis "Chon" Shelton, and Allen "Nub" Shelton; and

WHEREAS, Booney Shelton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Booney Shelton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Shelton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.